(ग) प्रौधोगिकी आर्थिक मूल्यांकन के आधार पर नई कोयला परियोजनाओं और नई परियोजनाओं के लिए मध्य प्रदेश राज्य में कोयला कंपनियों द्वारा 4591.25 करोड़ रुपये की राशि का निवेश किये जाने का अनुमान लगाया गया है ।

कोयला खानों को बंद किया जाना

470. **श्री अजीत जोगी** :

श्री शमशेर सिंह सुरेजवाला :

क्या **कोयला** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि **:**

(क) ऐसी कोयला खानों की संख्या कितनी है जिन्हें कोयला होने के बावजूद कतिपय अन्य कारणों से बंद कर दिया गया है;

(ख) क्या सरकार इन बंद पडी खानों में से कुल कोयला खानों को फिर से चालू करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) यदि नही, तो उसके क्या कारण है;

(ड) क्या सरकार इस समय बंद पडी खानों को फिर से चालू करने के लिए इन्हें निजी उधमियों को सौंपने का विचार रखती है; और

(च) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कोयला मंत्रालय की राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कान्ति सिंह) : (क) कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड (को0ई0लि0) की 29 कोयला खानें और सिगरेनी कोलियरीज कम्पनी लिमिटेड (सि0 को0 क0 लि0) की 2 खानों को खनन योग्य भंडारों का परिसमापन होने के कारणों के अलावा अन्य कारणों से बंद कर दिया गया था ।

(ख) को 0ई0 लि0 और सि0 को0 कं0 लि0 का इन बंद पडी खानों को पुनः खोलने का कोई प्रस्ताव नही है ।

(ग) भाग (ख) में दिए गए उत्तर को दृष्टिगत करते हुए प्रश्न ही नही उठता है ।

(घ) इन खानों को प्रतिकुल भूगर्भीय परिस्थितियों , सुरक्षा कारणों और तकनीकी – आर्थिक अव्यवर्हायता के कारण बंद कर दिया गया था ।

(ड) जी, नही ।

(च) प्रश्न के भाग (ड) में दिए गए उत्तर को दृष्टिगत करते हुए प्रश्न ही नही उठता है ।

Theft of coat In Western India Coat Field in Nagpur

471. SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a number of complnints of theft of coal in the Western India Coal Field in Nagpur; and

(b) if so, the details of the theft and action taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) On the basis of raids carried out by Security Personnel and through joint raids with state law and order authorities, 16 cases of theft involving 105.68 MT of coal have come to notice in WCL in 1996-97. In all the cases FIRs were lodged with the police and 9 persons were arrested,

Development of coal mines

472. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the specific steps taken by Government in Eighth Plan for the development of coal mines;

(b) the steps taken by Mahanadi Coalfields limited for the development of coal reserves in Orissa during last three years; and

(c) the proposal mooted thereon in the Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Coal production increased from 238.11 Million Tonnes in 1992-93 to 288.65 Million Tonnes in 1996-97. Futhcr, regional exploration was conducted for 1374.5 Sq. Kms as against the target of 1200 Sq. Kms. Similarly 3,63 lakh metres of drilling was carried out under regional as well as promotional exploration schemes as against the target of 3.04 lakh metres. As a consequence

23,05 Billion Tonnes proved reserves were established, New legislative amendments were made to permit mining by companies engaged in the business of generation of power, manufacture of iron & steel and cement for mining coal for captive consumption, The prices of coking eoal and A,B,C, & D grades of non-eoking coal were de-regulated during the Eighth Plan,

(b) The following steps were taken by Mahanadi Coalfield Ltd, during last three years,

(i) 5 ongoing projects with aggregate capacity of 10,83 MvY were completed, (ii) 5 on-going projects with an aggregtate capacity of 20.10 MVY are in advanced stage of implementation, (lii) Advance Action en 5 projects having aggregated capacity of 29,9. Mt/Y have been taken up, (iv) 4 project reports for an aggregate production capacity ef 21 MVY have been approved by Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd, Beard,

(c) Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd, proposed to increase its production frem a level ef 37,36 Mt, (1996=97) te a level ef 47,21 Mt by the terminal year ef IX Plan (2001=02)

Import ef Ceal

473. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister ef COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering import of coal; and

(b) if so, the. details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Under the present export and import policy, coal can be freely imported by the consumers themselves considering their needs and exercising their own commercial judgement. Government do not propose to import coal to meet the needs of any consumer.

Health facilities to coal mine workers

474. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to provide better health care facilities to the eoal mine workers;

(b) If so, the steps taken in that direction by different eoal companies;

(c) whether the Mahanadi Coal Field limited (MCL) has done anything during last three years in that regard; and

(d) if so, the details theeef?

TH1 MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) In the last few, years various speeiaHuper special facilities like Neenatelegy, Dialysis Unit, ICU, TMT and Helter monitor, Neurosurgery with Whole Body CT Scanner Unit, Endoscopy Unit, Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy, Physie Therapy Unit etc, have been created at various hospitals ef CIL,

(e) and (d) The details ef steps taken in Mahanadi Coalfields limtied (MCL) during last three years are given in the statement attached,

Statement

The details of steps taken in Mahanadi Coalfields Limited during last thfer [v] Warc as under:

(I) 250 bedded Nehru Satabadi Central Hospital has been commissioned at Talcher in June, 1095 in phased manner with 100 beds in 1st phase having 12 specialised department. This hospital is well equipped with 8 bedded ICCU and full fledged pathology